

# Planetary Science Division Status Report

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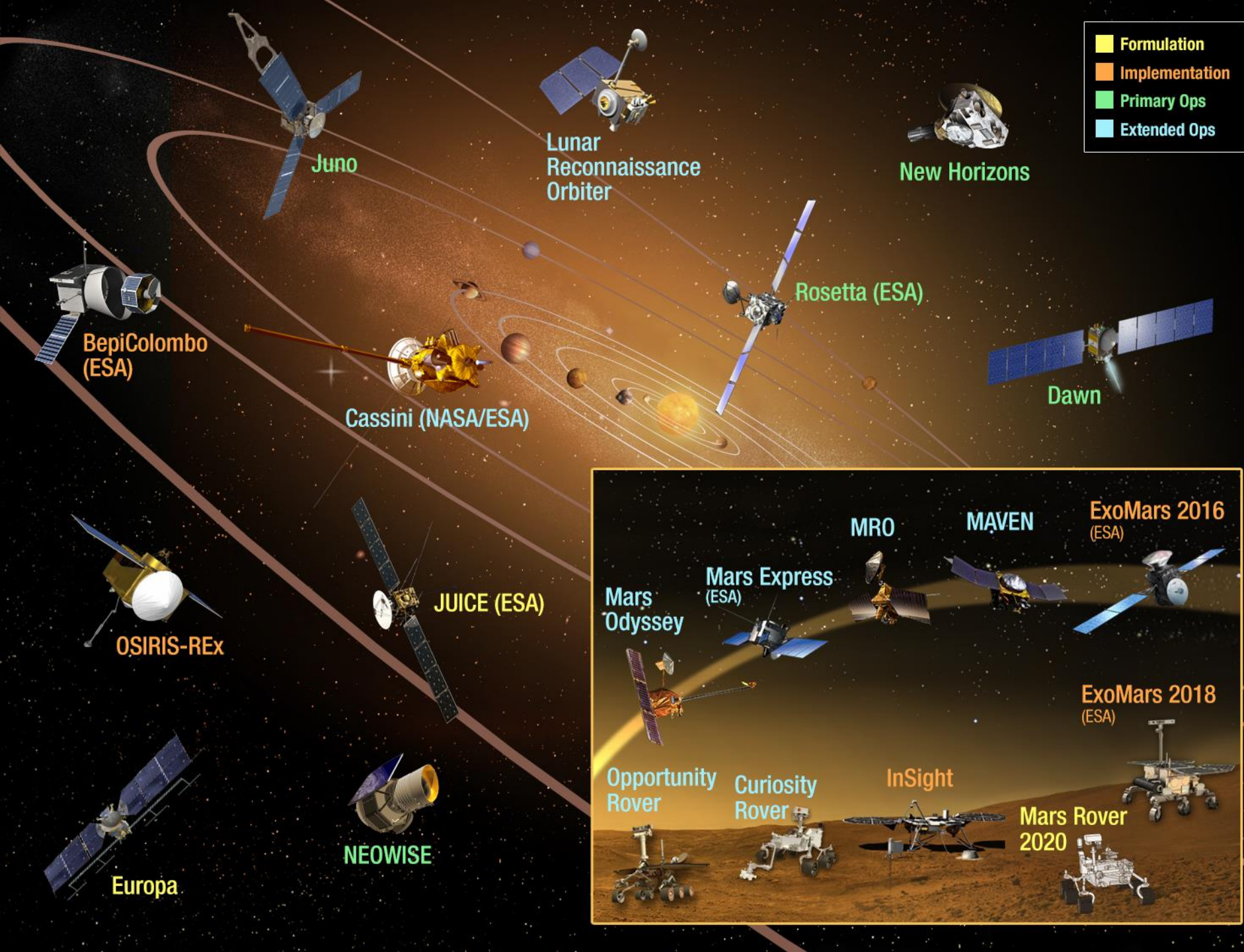
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# Outline

- Mission Overview
- FY 2016 Appropriation
- FY 2017 President's Budget
- Discovery & New Frontiers Programs
- New Cubesat Selections





# Planetary Science Missions Events

## 2014

- July – *Mars 2020* Rover instrument selection announcement \* **Completed**
- August 6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Anniversary of *Curiosity* Landing on Mars
- September 21 – *MAVEN* inserted in Mars orbit
- October 19 – Comet Siding Spring encountered Mars
- September – *Curiosity* arrives at Mt. Sharp
- November 12 – ESA's *Rosetta* mission lands on Comet Churyumov–Gerasimenko
- December 2/3 – Launch of *Hayabusa-2* to asteroid 1999 JU<sub>3</sub>

## 2015

- March 6 – *Dawn* inserted into orbit around dwarf planet Ceres
- April 30 – *MESSENGER* spacecraft impacted Mercury
- May 26 – Europa instrument Step 1 selection
- July 14 – *New Horizons* flies through the Pluto system
- September – Discovery 2014 Step 1 selection
- December 6 – *Akatsuki* inserted into orbit around Venus

## 2016

- March – Launch of ESA's *ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter* (Launch of NASA's *InSight* postponed)
- July 4 – *Juno* inserted in Jupiter orbit
- September – Launch of Asteroid mission *OSIRIS – REx* to asteroid Bennu
- September – *Cassini* begins plane change maneuver for the “Grand Finale”
- Late 2016 – Discovery 2014 Step 2 selection

# FY16 Appropriation supports a robust Planetary Science program

Planetary Science \$270M above the request, at \$1.63B

- \$277M for Planetary Science Research
- \$189M for Discovery (+\$33M), including full funding for LRO
- \$259M for New Frontiers
- \$448M for Mars (+\$36M), including full funding for Opportunity
- \$197M for Technology (+\$55M)
  - Includes \$25M for icy satellites surface technology
- \$261M for Outer Planets (+\$145M) with direction
  - Directs that the Europa mission be launched on an SLS in 2022 and that a lander be included (\$175M)
- Direction to continue to fund AIDA/DART joint study with ESA
- Direction to establish a new Ocean Worlds program *with a primary goal to discover extant life on another world* using a mix of Discovery, New Frontiers, and flagship class missions

# President's FY17 Budget

# Planetary Science

Outyears are notional

(\$M)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Planetary Science	\$1,631	\$1,519	\$1,440	\$1,520	\$1,576	\$1,626

- Continues development of the Mars 2020 mission.
  - Funds continued formulation of a mission to Jupiter's moon, Europa.
  - Continues work on the JUICE instrument in collaboration with the European Space Agency mission to Jupiter.
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- Initiates studies for the next New Frontiers Mission and continues operations of Juno and New Horizons.
  - Operates 13 Planetary missions including MAVEN, Mars Curiosity, Opportunity, Odyssey, Mars Express, and Cassini (Saturn).
  - Increases support for technology development to accelerate future power systems.
  - Increases support for Research and Analysis.

# Discovery & New Frontiers



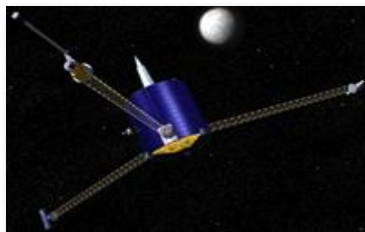
# Discovery Program

Completed

**Mars evolution:  
Mars Pathfinder (1996-1997)**



**Lunar formation:  
Lunar Prospector (1998-1999)**



**NEO characteristics:  
NEAR (1996-1999)**



**Solar wind sampling:  
Genesis (2001-2004)**



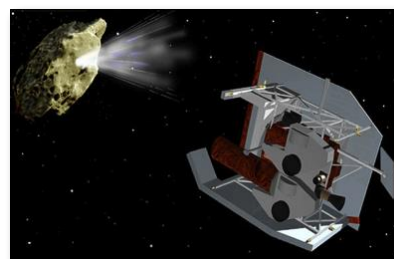
**Comet diversity:  
CONTOUR (2002)**



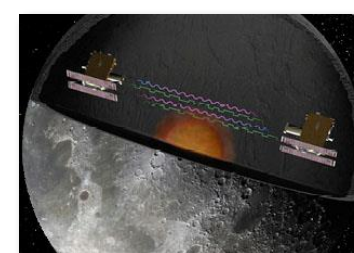
**Nature of dust/coma:  
Stardust (1999-2011)**



**Comet internal structure:  
Deep Impact (2005-2012)**

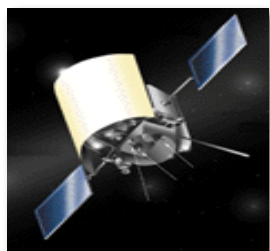


**Lunar Internal Structure  
GRAIL (2011-2012)**

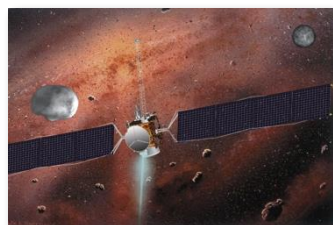


Completed

**Mercury environment:  
MESSENGER (2004-2015)**



**Main-belt asteroids:  
Dawn (2007-2016)**



**Lunar surface:  
LRO (2009-TBD)**



**ESA/Mercury Surface:  
Strofiio (2017-TBD)**



**Mars Interior:  
InSight (TBD)**



# Status of Discovery Program

Discovery 2014 – Selections announced September 30

- About 3-year mission cadence for future opportunities

## Missions in Development

- *InSight*: Missed March 2016 launch window
- Strofio: Delivered to SERENA Suite (ASI) for BepiColombo

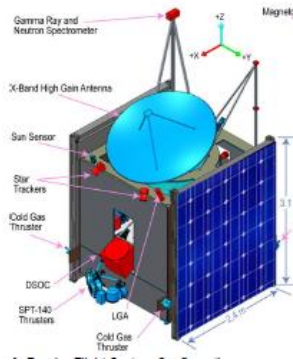
## Missions in Operation

- *Dawn*: Science observation now in Low Altitude Mapping Orbit

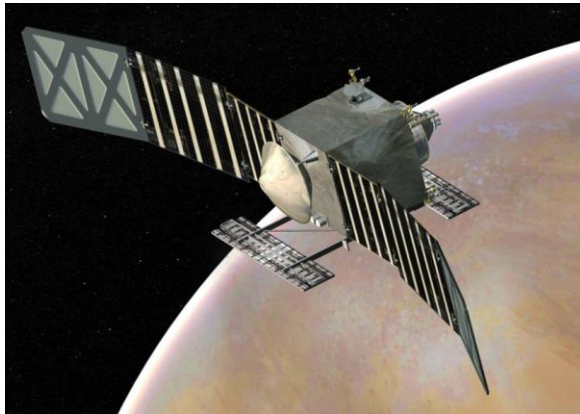
## Missions in Extended Operations

- *LRO*: In stable elliptical orbit, passing low over the lunar south pole

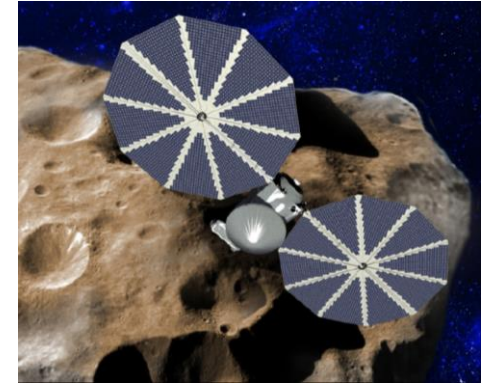
# Discovery Selections 2014



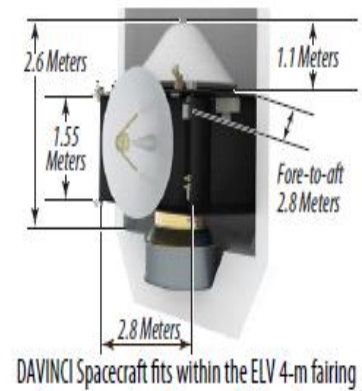
Psyche: Journey to a Metal World  
 PI: Linda Elkins-Tanton, ASU  
 Deep-Space Optical Comm (DSOC)



NEOCam:  
 Near-Earth Object Camera  
 PI: Amy Mainzer, JPL  
 Deep-Space Optical Comm (DSOC)



Lucy: Surveying the Diversity of Trojan Asteroids  
 PI: Harold Levison, Southwest Research Institute (SwRI)  
 Advanced Solar Arrays



DAVINCI: Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigations of Noble gases, Chemistry, and Imaging  
 PI: Lori Glaze, GSFC

VERITAS: Venus Emissivity, Radio Science, InSAR, Topography, And Spectroscopy  
 PI: Suzanne Smrekar, JPL  
 Deep-Space Optical Comm (DSOC)

# New Frontiers Program

1<sup>st</sup> NF mission  
New Horizons:

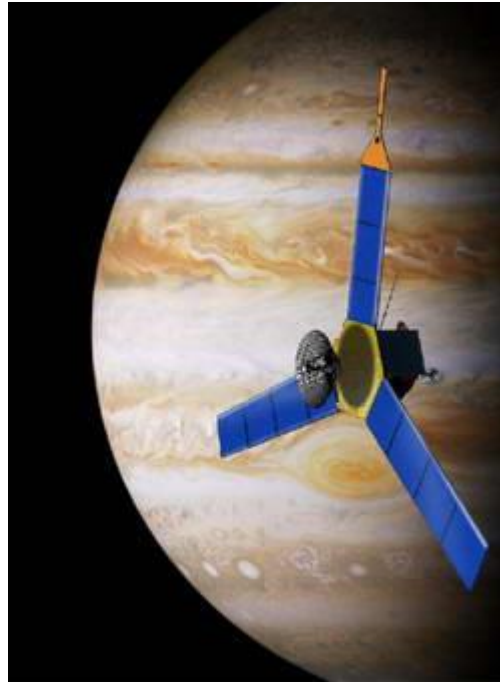
Pluto-Kuiper Belt



Launched January 2006  
Flyby July 14, 2015  
PI: Alan Stern (SwRI-CO)

2<sup>nd</sup> NF mission  
Juno:

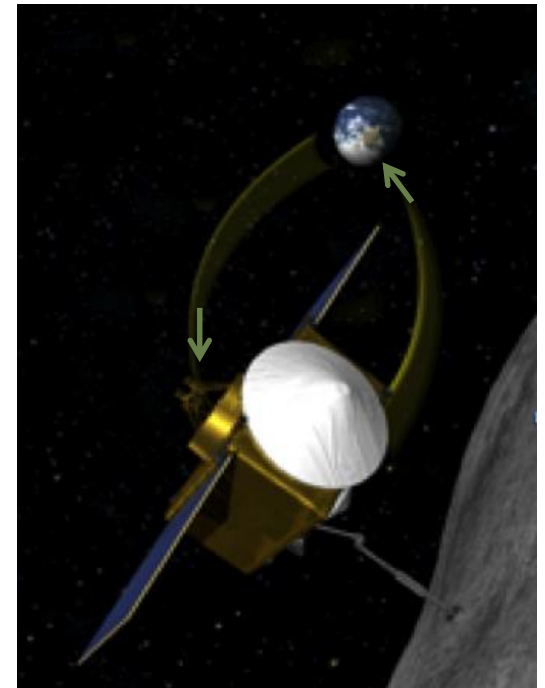
Jupiter Polar Orbiter



Launched August 2011  
Arrives July 4, 2016  
PI: Scott Bolton (SwRI-TX)

3<sup>rd</sup> NF mission  
OSIRIS-REx:

Asteroid Sample Return



Launch window: Sept. 8,  
2016  
PI: Dante Lauretta (UA)

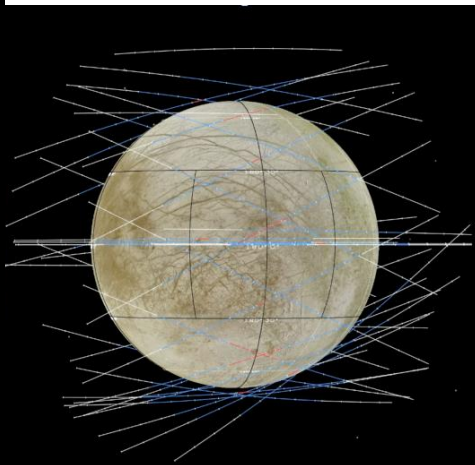


# Next New Frontiers Program AO

- Community Announcement Regarding New Frontiers Program January 2016
- Draft to be released by end of Fiscal Year 2016 (September)
- Investigations are limited to the following mission themes (listed without priority):
  - Comet Surface Sample Return
  - Lunar South Pole-Aitken Basin Sample Return
  - Ocean Worlds (Titan, Enceladus)
  - Saturn Probe
  - Trojan Tour and Rendezvous
  - Venus In Situ Explorer

# Europa Mission

# Europa Multi-Flyby Mission Concept Overview



## Science

### Objective

### Description

Ice Shell & Ocean

Characterize the ice shell and any subsurface water, including their heterogeneity, and the nature of surface-ice-ocean exchange

Composition

Understand the habitability of Europa's ocean through composition and chemistry.

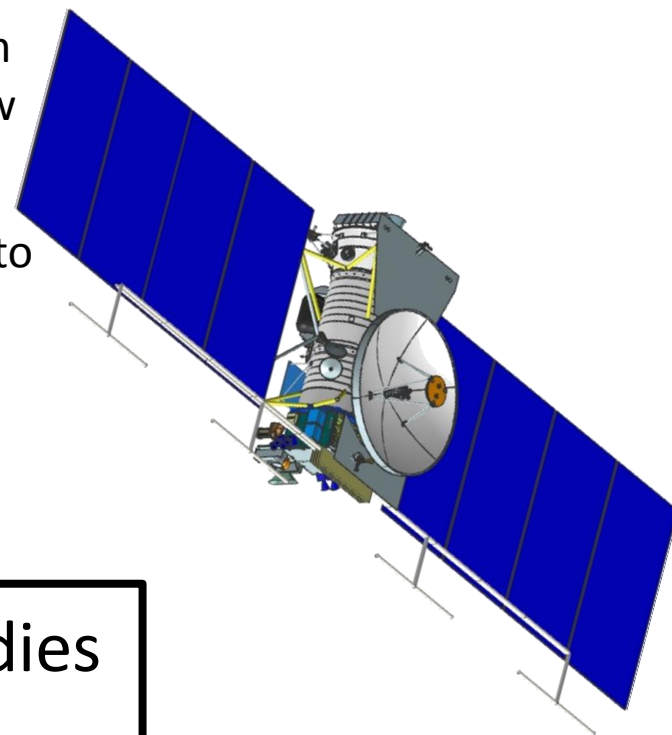
Geology

Understand the formation of surface features, including sites of recent or current activity, and characterize high science interest localities.

Recon

Characterize scientifically compelling sites, and hazards for a potential future landed mission to Europa

- Conduct 45 low altitude flybys with lowest 25 km (less than the ice crust) and a vast majority below 100 km to obtain global regional coverage
- Traded enormous amounts of fuel used to get into Europa orbit for shielding (lower total dose)
- Simpler operations strategy
- No need for real time down link



Lander Concept Studies  
Are Continuing

SIMPLEx Cubesats Selections

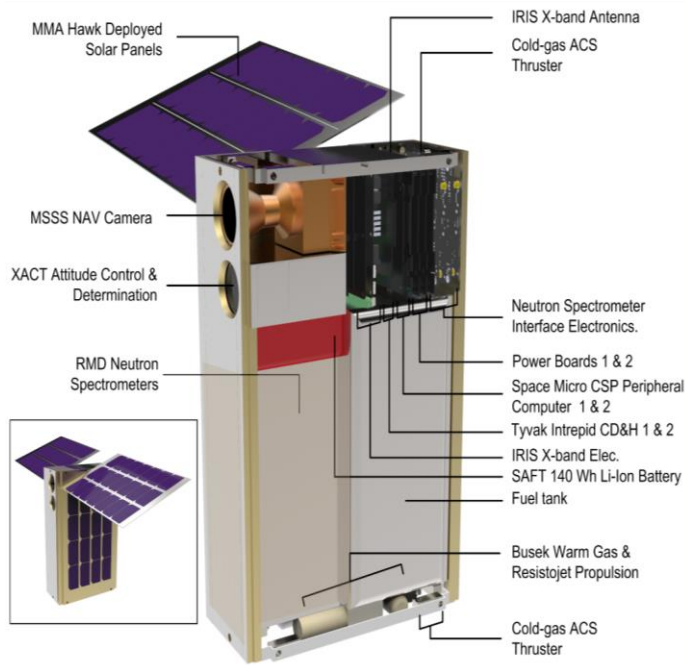
Full missions (2)

and

Approved for 1 year Tech Development (3)

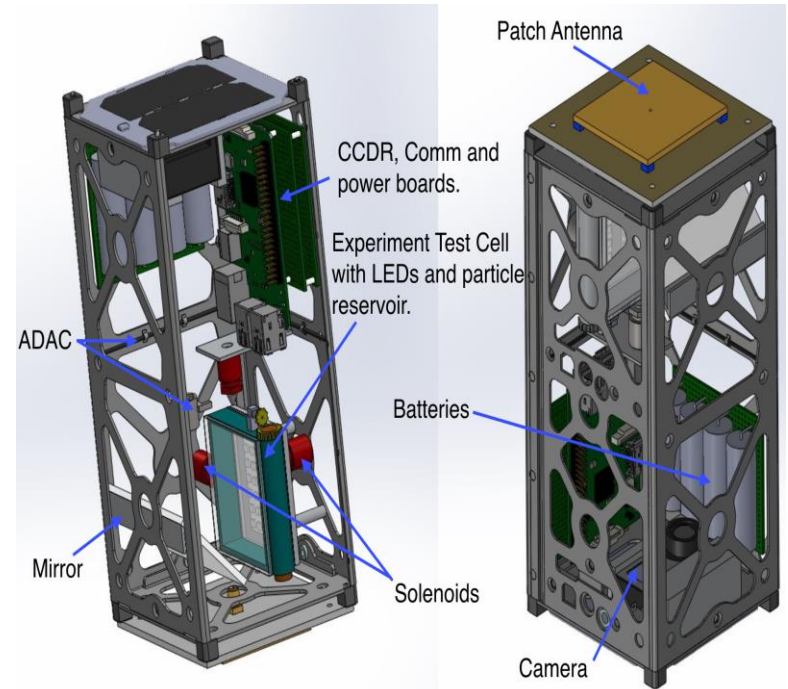


# Small Innovative Missions for Planetary Exploration (SIMPLEx-2014) – New Awards in FY15



## Lunar Polar Hydrogen Mapper (LunaH-Map )

PI: Craig Hardgrove  
ASU School of Earth and  
Space Exploration

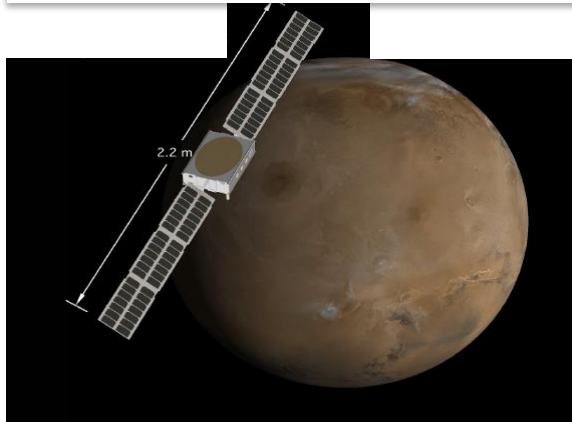


## CubeSat Particle Aggregation and Collision Experiment (Q-PACE)

PI: Josh Colwel  
University of Central Florida

# Simplex Cubesats

## Approved for Tech Development (1 year) Study ONLY



### Mars Micro Orbiter

PI: Michael Malin

Malin Space Science Systems

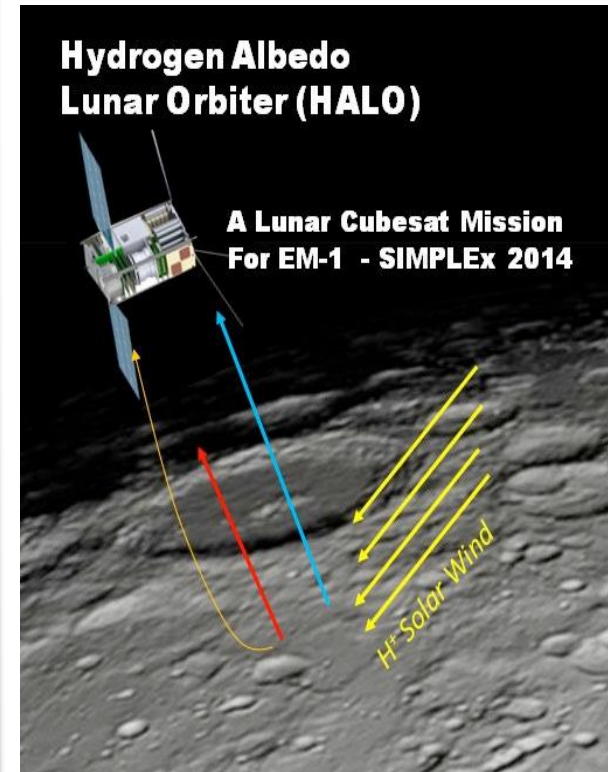
### Diminutive Asteroid Visitor using Ion Drive (DAVID)

PI: Geoffrey Landis  
NASA Glenn Research Center



### Hydrogen Albedo Lunar Orbiter (HALO)

A Lunar Cubesat Mission  
For EM-1 - SIMPLEx 2014



### Hydrogen Albedo Lunar Orbiter (HALO)

PI: Michael Collier,  
NASA GSFC

Questions?



# New Frontiers 4

- Why was the Ocean Worlds mission theme added to NF4?
  1. NOSSE Report: As a strategic program NF should be “adaptable to new discoveries”
  2. Consistent with the V&V Planetary Decadal
  3. Strong science case for Enceladus and Titan
  4. Congressional FY16 Approps: Response is required
- Next Steps:
  - Present that decision and rationale to PSS for feedback (considering AG input)
  - Present that decision and rationale to CAPS for feedback – midterm charge will also address how to accommodate recent discoveries
  - Community can also comment via the draft AO process



# Planetary Defense Coordination Office (PDCO)

Hosted by the Planetary Science Division PDCO is responsible for:

- Oversight of potentially hazardous objects (PHOs):
  - Ensure early detection
  - Characterize PHOs of size large enough to affect Earth's surface
  - Provide warning of potential impact effects if not deflected or mitigated
  - Provide timely and accurate communications about PHOs and any potential impact
- Lead research into potential asteroid deflection and impact mitigation technologies and techniques
- Provide lead coordination role in U.S. Gov't planning for response to an actual impact threat (*e.g.*, planetary science and deep space mission expertise for Federal Emergency Response Team)

